



**Budget Amendment
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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SUBJECT: Approve an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 040913-05, the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 EMS Department Fee Schedule to approve changes made by Travis County Commissioners Court to the STAR Flight fees.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING Emergency Medical
DEPARTMENT: Services

**DIRECTOR'S
AUTHORIZATION:** Richard Herrington

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Herrington, Executive Director, 972-7200

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: The FY 2004-2005 EMS Fee Schedule was approved on September 13, 2004.

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

Patient fees for the STAR Flight air ambulance program are set by Travis County Commissioners Court, but also require approval from the City Council because the fees are billed and collected by City employees on behalf of Travis County. Since Travis County owns the helicopters and funds 100% of the operating costs related to STAR Flight, Travis County receives 100% of the revenue from STAR Flight calls.

On June 14, 2005, the Travis County Commissioners Court approved changes to the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 STAR Flight fees.

	<u>FY 2004-2005 Approved Fee</u>	<u>FY 2004-2005 Amended Fee</u>
Within Travis County - Base Fee	\$2,000	\$2,000 (no change)
Outside Travis County – Base Fee	\$4,000	\$4,500 (\$500 increase)
Mileage (Inside and Outside County)	\$50	\$55 (\$5 increase)

In addition to the changes in fee amounts noted above, the Commissioners Court also approved changes in the way the fees are administered. Currently the "Within Travis County Base Fee" is charged to patients who are transported from a location within Travis County, regardless of the residence of the patient. The "Outside Travis County Base Fee" is charged to patients who are transported from a location outside of Travis County, also regardless of residence. Rather than basing the fee on the point of origin of the transport, the Commissioners Court approved that the fee be based on the residence of the patient. Therefore the names of the fees will change as follows:

"Within Travis County – Base Fee" becomes "Travis County Resident – Base Fee"



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"Outside Travis County -- Base Fee" becomes "Non-Travis County Resident -- Base Fee"

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005 FEE SCHEDULE OF ORDINANCE NO. 040913-05 RELATING TO STAR FLIGHT EMERGENCY SERVICES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. The Council amends the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Fee Schedule of Ordinance No. 040913-05 related to the S.T.A.R. Flight emergency service fees charged by the Emergency Medical Services Department in accordance with the fees adopted by the Travis County Commissioners Court as follows:

Emergency Service – S.T.A.R. Flight Transport

Approved 2004-2005

[Within] Travis County Resident

\$ 55.00

\$2,000.00 plus

~~[\$ 50.00]~~ / loaded mile plus drugs
and supplies at Medicare approved
rate. (see itemized medications
below).

Non- ~~Outside~~ Travis County Resident

\$4,500.00

\$ 55.00

~~[\$4,000.00]~~ plus

and supplies at Medicare approved rate. (see itemized medications below).

PART 2. This ordinance takes effect on _____, 2005.

PASSED AND APPROVED

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_____, 2005

Will Wynn
Mayor

APPROVED:

David Allan Smith
City Attorney

ATTEST:

Shirley A. Brown
City Clerk